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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff perceive a requirement for a study which compares the economic war potential of the United States and its potential allies with that of its potential enemies.
2. It is recognized that such a study is possible of attainment only by long and careful research, and by access to data and intelligence not now readily available.
3. A related study is now under preparation by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces for the Army and Navy Munitions Board. This study seeks to establish comparisons of the economic war potential of the major world areas. Due to limitations imposed by time and resources, however, the study could not be adequate for all the hypotheses under which the JCS will require comparisons of economic war potentials.
4. The problem as set forth has been discussed informally with representatives of the Central Intelligence Group, the Army and Navy Munitions Board, the Industrial College, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It appears that the Central Intelligence Group is in the best position of any government agency to provide intelligence for the assessment of economic war potentials of major world areas.
5. Accordingly, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Group develop intelligence concerned with the relative economic war potentials of foreign countries as continuing study; that these data together with comparable information for the United States be collated and interpreted so as to afford comparisons of the United States economic war potential and its potential allies with its potential enemies.

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